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TERRORIST GROUP

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1. NOVEMBER 9 EDITION OF OMAN GOVT OFFICIAL WEEKLY
PUBLISHED TEXT OF MINDEFENSE RELEASE CONCERNING HAZM/RUSTAQ
INCIDENT (REFTEL) PLUS PHOTOS OF ARMS AND TIMING DEVICES FROM
CAPTURED VEHICLE. ESSENTIAL FACTS AS REPORTED EARLIER,
WITH SOME ADDITIONAL DETAIL.

2. MINDEFENSE IDENTIFIED TERRORIST KILLED AT TIME OF
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INCIDENT AS ZAHIR ALI MATAR AL-SUWAID AL-MIYAHI, SAID TO

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BE MEMBER OF PFLO "CENTRAL COMMITTEE". ARRESTED WERE SAUD MUHAMMED SALEM AL-MARZOUKY (ALSO MEMBER OF PFLO "CENTRAL COMMITTEE"), MOHAMMAD HASSAN YUSUF MACKI, AND UMAR MANSOUR SIRHAN AL-HINA'I (DRIVER OF CAR). STILL AT LARGE IS HAMDAN SAIF AL-DHAWIYANI.

3. MOHAMMAD HASSAN YUSUF MACKI WAS STUDENT IN KUWAIT, AND IS BROTHER OF DIRECTOR OF PETROLEUM AND MINERAL AFFAIRS, SALEM MACKI (THIS WOULD MAKE HIM A COUSIN OF OMANI AMBASSADOR TO U.S.).

4. SOURCES REPORT THAT FROM 40 TO 100 OTHERS HAVE BEEN PICKED UP FOR QUESTIONING OR ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH ABORTED PLOT. MANY WERE AMONG THOSE SOMEHOW INVOLVED IN 1972 "OPERATION JASON" BUT SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED. MINISTER OF INFORMATION TOLD AMBASSADOR ARRESTEES SO FAR TOTAL 99 INCLUDING SEVERAL YOUNG WOMEN (AMONG THEM OMAN GOVT EMPLOYEES) WHO AS GIRL FRIENDS OF RINGLEADERS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE ASSISTED THEM WITH INFORMATION AND CONTACTS. MINISTER SAID OCCUPANTS OF VEHICLE SEIZED AT HAZM WERE ALL OMANIS AND THAT IT NOW KNOWN THEY AND THEIR CAPTURED ARSENAL HAD BEEN IN THAT VICINITY FOR SOME TIME PLOTTING ACTIONS FOR AROUND NATIONAL DAY (NOV. 18-19). MINISTER GAVE OMANI RESIDENTS OF HAZM/RUSTAQ AREA HIGH MARKS FOR HELPING SECURITY FORCES APPREHEND FUGITIVES.
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